

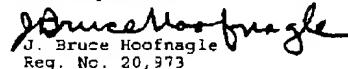
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FROM: J. Bruce Hoofnagle

DATE: July 2, 2003

SUBJECT: U.S. Application No. 09/187,358
Filed; November 6, 1998
First Named Inventor: DIETER MAUER
Attorney Doc. No. GER-5196

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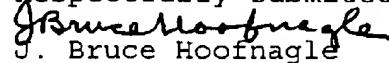
Dear Examiners Lillis and Brahan:

As discussed with Supervisory Examiner Eileen Lillis, a response to the Office action, dated June 5, 2002, is faxed herewith.

A Notice of Appeal was filed in this application on December 4, 2002. The extended due date for the Appeal Brief is July 4, 2003 (effectively July 7, 2003, because July 4 is a Federal holiday). I am requesting that Examiner Brahan review the response faxed herewith, and call me at 410 442-2417 for discussion thereof.

If the response meets with Examiner Brahan's approval, I will hand-deliver the petition to extend the time to July 7, 2003.

Since the deadline for filing the Brief is Monday, July 7, 2003, I would appreciate any expedited consideration of this response by the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

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WITH A HEAD AND A SHANK

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Examiner : Thomas J. Brahan

Docket No. : GER-5196

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the FINAL rejection as issued in the Office action, dated June 5, 2002, in the above-identified application, please amend this application as indicated below and consider the remarks following thereafter.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page of this paper.